

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) A method of storing query information at a caching device in a system which uses a Content Directory Service (CDS) to store media content information, comprising:

    querying the CDS of a serving device for media content information;

    receiving the results of the query; and,

    storing the results for later retrieval.

2. (original) A method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of sending a querying device an identifier of the stored results for use in later retrieval.

3. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1~~-or-2~~ wherein the step of querying the CDS of a serving device uses a query received from a querying device.

4. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1~~-or-2~~ wherein the step of querying the CDS of a serving device uses a query formulated by the caching device.

5. (original) A method according to claim 4 wherein the formulated query uses knowledge of the user interface of the querying device.

6. (original) A method according to claim 5 wherein the formulated query uses knowledge of user selections at the user interface of the querying device.

7. (original) A method according to claim 6 wherein the formulated query relates to a frequently selected option at the user interface.

8. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1 further comprising the steps of receiving notification from the serving device of an update to the CDS and updating the results stored at the caching device.

9. (original) A method according to claim 8 wherein, upon receiving notification of an update to the CDS, the caching device is arranged to determine whether the stored results require updating.

10. (currently amended) A method according to claim ~~8-or-9~~ wherein, in the event that the stored information is updated, the caching device notifies the querying device that an update has occurred.

11. (original) A method according to claim 10 wherein, in the event that the stored information is updated, the caching device sends the querying device the information that has changed.

12. (original) A method of operating a querying device in a system which uses a Content Directory Service (CDS) to store media content information, comprising:

determining a candidate query that should be cached; and,  
instructing a caching device to perform the candidate query and to store the results of the query.

13. (original) A method according to claim 12 further comprising receiving an identifier of the stored results from the caching device for use in later retrieval of the stored results.

14. (currently amended) A method according to claim ~~12-or-13~~ wherein the querying device has a user interface and the step of

determining a candidate query uses historical data of user selections at the user interface.

15. (original) A method according to claim 14 wherein the candidate query is a frequently selected option at the user interface.

16. (currently amended) A method according to ~~any one of claims 13 to 15~~claim 13 wherein the candidate query is at least one option currently available to a user of the user interface, but not yet selected by the user.

17. (currently amended) Software for causing a processor to perform the method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1.

18. (currently amended) Control apparatus for a caching device for causing the caching device to perform the method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 11~~claim 1.

19. (original) A caching device incorporating the control apparatus according to claim 18.

20. (currently amended) Control apparatus for a querying device for causing the querying device to perform the method according to ~~any one of claims 12 to 16~~claim 12.

21. (original) A querying device incorporating the control apparatus according to claim 20.

22. (currently amended) A method, software, control apparatus, caching device or querying device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1 for use in a system which conforms to Universal Plug and Play (UPnP).